

# How to Vote in Maryland's 2022 Elections

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## Essential info:

- **Mail-in voting:** All registered voters can request a no-excuse mail-in ballot and vote from home in November's general election.
- **Early in-person voting:** You can vote early and in person at an [early voting center](#) in your county.
- **In-person voting on Election Day:** The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 8. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## What's new this year?

Registered voters will automatically receive an application for a mail-in ballot under a law signed in 2021.

[Redistricting](#) has changed certain boundaries of state legislative and U.S. congressional districts. These changes may affect which candidates appear on your ballot. Redistricting also may affect polling place locations for some voters. Call your local board of elections or visit the [state board of elections website](#) for more information.



Voters cast their ballots at a polling place in Baltimore.

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## What races are on the ballot?

- **Governor:** Dan Cox (R), Wes Moore (D)
- **U.S. Senate:** Chris Chaffee (R), incumbent Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D)
- **U.S. House:** all eight seats
- **State Senate:** all 47 seats
- **State House:** all 141 seats
- Maryland Court of Appeals

## How do I register to vote?

- **Online:** Use the [state's voter registration portal](#) to register or check your registration status. You'll need a valid Maryland driver's license or state-issued ID — unless you're a member of the military or a member's spouse or dependent. If so, you can provide the last four digits of your Social Security number.

- **By mail:** Print a [voter registration form](#), complete it and mail it to your [local board of elections](#). Or call your local board or the [state board of elections](#) to request an application. You'll need a Maryland driver's license, state-issued ID or the last four digits of your Social Security number.
- **In person:** Go to your [local board of elections](#), the [state board of elections](#) or your local [Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration office](#). You can also register at your local [Area Agency on Aging office](#) or at several other locations listed on the [state board of elections website](#).

The registration deadline is Oct. 18; applications also must be postmarked by that date.

If you miss the deadline, you still can register at an [early voting center](#) in your county or at your polling place on Election Day. Bring a Maryland driver's license, state-issued ID card, paycheck, bank statement or other document that confirms your name and address. State officials still encourage voters to meet the registration deadline to save time at the polls.

Check if you're registered to vote through the state's [voter information portal](#).

## How can I get a mail-in ballot? Are there important deadlines?

Any registered voter can request a no-excuse mail-in ballot if they do not automatically receive one. Apply for a mail-in ballot online, by mail or in person:

- **Online:** Use the state's [voter services portal](#) to complete an application. Or email or fax a signed and completed application to your [local board of elections](#). The [deadline to request a ballot online](#) is 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 1 for the general election.
- **By mail:** Download, print and complete a [ballot application](#), then mail it to your [local board of elections](#). Or contact your local board to request an application by mail. The application request must be received by 8 p.m. on Nov. 1.
- **In person:** Visit your [local board of elections](#) to pick up and complete an application or return a [ballot application](#) you completed at home. If ballots are

available at that time, you can take one with you. You can request a ballot in person up to and including Election Day.

You also may go online or send a request through the mail to [receive an emailed ballot](#) that you may then print, complete and mail or hand-deliver. Your request for an emailed ballot must be received by Nov. 4.

You can designate an agent to deliver your ballot application, pick up your ballot and bring it to you. You and the person you choose must complete a [mail-in ballot agent form](#) and take it to your [local board of elections](#).

Return completed ballots by mail or in person, including those received via email.

- **By mail:** Send your completed ballot to your [local board of elections](#). Prepaid postage is provided. Ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 8.
- **In person:** Drop off your completed ballot at your [local board of elections](#), at any [early voting center](#) or at an [official ballot drop box](#) by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Use the [state's voter services portal](#) to track the status of your ballot.

## Can I vote in person before Election Day?

Cast your ballot at an early voting center from Oct. 27 through Nov. 3 for the general election. You can also register to vote at early voting centers between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. if you missed the initial registration deadline. Locations are available at the [state board of elections website](#).

## When is Election Day? When are polls open?

The general election is Tuesday, Nov 8. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. You can still cast a ballot after polls close as long as you are in line by 8 p.m. Use the state's [voter information portal](#) to find a polling place near you.

All voting locations have special equipment to assist the visually or physically impaired. The [state board of elections website](#) has more information about resources available to people with disabilities.

## **Do I need identification to vote?**

Some first-time voters may be asked to show a valid photo ID, like a driver's license, state-issued ID card, student ID or U.S. passport. A list of acceptable documents is available on the [state board of elections website](#).

If you're registering to vote at an early voting center or on Election Day, bring an [acceptable document](#) that verifies your name and address.

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